

### REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the subject application. Of those claims, claims 1-8, 11 and 12 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.


Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) in view of pages 15-17 of the specification. According to the Examiner, while product by process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself.

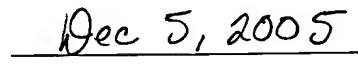
The above rejection is respectfully disagreed with, and is traversed below.

In the interest of expediting the prosecution of the subject application, however, claims 9 and 10 are canceled without prejudice.

All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, the subject patent application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application and pass this patent application to issuance.

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